



Docket No. 740819-548

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 – EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 2800

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Mitsuru TANABE) Group Art Unit: 2817
Serial No.: 09/838,214) Examiner: Benny T. LEE
Filed: April 20, 2001) Confirmation No.: 9367
For: MICROSTRIP LINE, METHOD FOR) Date: September 18, 2003
FABRICATING THE SAME,
INDUCTOR ELEMENT, AND RF
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

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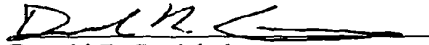
In relation to the objection to Figs. 1, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 4, 5B, 6A, 6B, 9, 10A-10D, 11A-11D, 12A-12D, 13A-13C and 14A-14C, as proper cross-hatching for all dielectric material should be provided, Applicants again respectfully submit that MPEP 608.02 does not specify a specific cross-hatching for dielectrics. The Examiner proposes using the cross-hatching designation for "section of synthetic resin or plastic" to denote dielectric. However, Applicants respectfully submit that, since dielectric is an insulator and could be a material beside synthetic resin or plastic, following the Examiner's suggest would not be appropriate. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request the Examiner to clarify the objection to the drawings again or to withdraw the outstanding objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Nakajima in view of Tozawa or Shigaki (all of record). In response to the rejection and in the interest of expediting the allowance of this case, Applicants have canceled claim 1 and incorporate all the features of claim 1 into claims 3 and 4 without traversing the rejection. In other words, claims 3 and 4 have been amended to be independent claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue patent protection for the subject matter in the canceled claims.

In view of the arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending rejections and objection.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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